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Date of Preparation

May 13, 2019

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS / WORK EXPERIENCE

2018 - Present Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY

Graduate Researcher

2017 Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program, Albany, NY

University at Albany, State University of New York

Academic Adviser

Provided secondary academic counseling to underrepresented and minority students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) and licensed professional fields, as well as supervised tutors, mentors, and support staff for efficiency in daily tasks.

2015 - 2017 Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program, Albany, NY University at Albany, State University of New York

Graduate Assistant

Developed and executed programs to promote student communication and excellence in their personal and academic lives as well as assisted students with cover letters, resumes, personal statements, and time management skills.

2015 - 2016 University at Albany, School of Public Health, Rensselaer, NY

Senior Research Assistant

Analyzed data for trends regarding the contaminant and nutrient concentrations of farmed and wild salmon.

2014 - 2015 College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Albany, NY

Research Assistant

Performed enhanced dark field and light field microscopy to identify the biodistribution of nanoparticles in rat models.

2013 - 2014 Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Rensselaer, NY

Research Assistant

Monitored the influence of anticoagulants on the clotting time and strength of plasma and blood using aPTT and TEG assays, respectively.

2012 - 2015 Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program, Albany, NY University at Albany, State University of New York

Tutor/Mentor

Assisted students with introductory biology, introductory chemistry, organic chemistry, and genetics coursework, and additionally guided students with academic issues as they attempted to acclimate to the collegiate environment

EDUCATION

2011 - 2015

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2017 - 2022	Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences, expected May 2022 Advisor: Dr. Ana Navas-Acien
2015 - 2017	University at Albany, School of Public Health, Albany, NY MPH - Concentration in Environmental Health Sciences, May 2017
2011 - 2015	University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany, NY B.S. in Biology, Summa Cum Laude, May 2015 B.A. in Chemistry, May 2015 Minor: Mathematics
HONORS AND AWARDS	
2019	International Society for Environmental Epidemiologists (ISEE) 2019 Travel Awardee
2017 - Present	Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Fellowship Recipient
2017 - Present	Allan Rosenfield Scholar
2017	Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society, Alpha Gamma Chapter Inductee
2017	William Randolph Hearst Fellowship Recipient
2017	President's Award for Leadership: Academic Leadership Award
2015	23 rd Annual CSTEP Conference First Place Oral Presentation in Technology
2013 - 2015	Dr. Seth W. Spellman Jr. Academic Achievement Award
2012	Be Semi: Afro-Latino Scholarship Recipient (MALIK Fraternity, Inc.)
2012	President's Award for Leadership: Great Dane Award
2011 - 2015	Dean's List Recipient
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETIES and SERVICE	
2018 - Present	International Society of Environmental Epidemiologists (ISEE) Member
2017 - 2018	American Public Health Association (APHA) Member
2014 - 2015	Corps Historian, Five Quad VAS

Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) Member

Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service (VAS) Member

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SPECIFIC COURSE

Fall 2018 Frameworks of Environmental Health Policy (18 enrolled students)

GENERAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Fall 2018 Student Mentor, Brotherhood/Sister Sol

Summer 2018 Workshop Guide, Columbia Summer Research Institute ("Environmental Mixtures")

PUBLICATIONS

Abalu O, **Abuawad A**, González-Dávila M, Kingsbury D, Puac-Polanco V, Santaella J, Segura L. AJPH Global News. Am J Public Health. https://ajph.aphapublications.org/. December 2018 – Present.

Muralidharan-Chari, V., Kim, J., **Abuawad, A.**, Naeem, M., Cui, H., & Mousa, S. A. (2016). "Thymoquinone modulates blood coagulation in vitro via its effects on inflammatory and coagulation pathways." Int. J. Mol. Sci. 17(4): 474.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Body Mass Index is Associated with Arsenic Metabolism in three Studies in Bangladesh." Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health Sciences, New York. (04/2019)
- "Body Mass Index is Associated with Arsenic Metabolites in three Studies in Bangladesh." Northeast Regional Superfund Research Program (SRP) Meeting, Massachusetts. (4/2019)
- "Body Mass Index is Associated with Arsenic Metabolites (in Urine and Blood) in the Bangladesh FACT Study." Superfund Research Program (SRP) Annual Meeting, California. (11/2018)
- "The Association of Urine and Blood Arsenic Metabolites with Body Mass Index in the Bangladesh FACT Study." International Society of Environmental Epidemiologists (ISEE) Annual Meeting, Ottawa. (08/2018)
- "The Association of Body Mass Index with Arsenic Metabolites (in Urine and Blood) in the Bangladesh FACT Study." Student Research Diversity Day, New York. (04/2018)
- "The Association of Body Mass Index with Arsenic Metabolites (in Urine and Blood) in the Bangladesh FACT Study." Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health Sciences, New York. (04/2018)
- "Do farmed salmon have a more beneficial balance of nutrients and contaminants than wild salmon?" Annual University at Albany School of Public Health Student Poster Day, New York. (05/2017)
- "NanoHealth & Safety Center: Investigation of nanoparticle biodistribution following inhalation exposure." Annual Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) Statewide Student Conference, New York. (04/2015)

- "NanoHealth & Safety Center: Investigation of nanoparticle biodistribution following inhalation exposure." Annual University at Buffalo Undergraduate Research Conference, New York. (07/2014)
- "Anticoagulant properties of Thymoquinone extracted from Black Cumin Seeds." Annual Biology Undergraduate Research Symposium, New York. (04/2014)
- "Anticoagulant properties of Thymoquinone extracted from Black Seed." Annual Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) Statewide Student Conference, New York. (04/2014)
- "Anticoagulant properties of Thymoquinone extracted from Black Seed." Annual Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS) Research Forum, New York. (01/2014)
- "Comparative anticoagulant efficacy and safety among different approved and emerging anticoagulant therapies." Annual University at Buffalo Undergraduate Research Conference, New York. (07/2013)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2018 - Present American Journal of Public Health Global News, New York, NY

Author

2018 - Present **Brotherhood/Sister Sol**, New York, NY

Mentor

2011 - 2015 Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service, Albany, NY

Driver/Emergency Responder/CPR Instructor/Corps Historian

Performed first aid procedures such as splinting, recording vital signs, back boarding,

stair chair, Reeves, etc.

SKILLS

Computer: Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, SAS, R, and STATA

Language: Knowledge of basic Arabic and Spanish

Medical: CPR and AED instructor; First Aid, and EMT certifications